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Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary  
State of New York  
Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223

RE: Case No. 14-M-0565, Proceeding on Motion of the  
Commission to Examine Programs to Address Energy  
Affordability for Low Income Utility Customers.

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits for filing with the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") the following tariff leaves reflecting revisions to its Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 4 – GAS ("Gas Tariff").

6th	Revised Leaf No.	2
9th	Revised Leaf No.	47
3rd	Revised Leaf No.	47.1

These leaves are issued March 31, 2017, to become effective April 1, 2017.

### **Reason for Filing**

On March 30, 2017, the Company made a filing in compliance with the Commission's Order Approving Implementation Plans with Modifications, issued February 17, 2017, in the above-referenced proceeding (the "Order"). In the Order, the Commission approved, with modifications, the Company's low income program implementation plan submitted to the Commission on September 16, 2016.

In the March 30 filing, the Company proposed a change to the Budget Billing requirements such that, effective December 1, 2017, all residential customers participating in the Company's low income program would be automatically enrolled in budget billing with the option for the customer to opt-out. The Company also proposed to make a filing by November 15, 2017 to implement the Tier 1 benefit available to all low income program recipients effective December 31, 2017. At the request of Commission Staff, the Company is filing additional language in the Gas Tariff now related to the Tier 1 benefit levels as well as the applicability of the low income program to customers who receive Home Energy Assistance Program ("HEAP") benefits paid to alternate fuel providers.

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### **Tariff Changes**

General Information Section No. 6.16, Low Income Program, has been revised to state that commencing December 31, 2017, any gas space heating customer receiving a HEAP grant will receive a monthly bill credit of \$7.00, excluding applicable taxes. Any gas non-space heating customer receiving a HEAP grant will receive a monthly bill credit of \$3.00, excluding applicable taxes. If, in any billing period, the monthly bill credit exceeds the charges on the customer's bill, then the bill will be reduced to \$0.00 and any remaining credits will be carried over to the following month. In addition, the bill credits will be extended to customers identified by the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (or its successor) as receiving HEAP benefits paid to alternate fuel providers.

As indicated in the March 30 filing, on or before November 15, 2017, the Company may make a filing to revise the Tier 1 level discounts based on average bill amounts for the period ending September 30, 2017.

### **Conclusion and Notice**

As directed by the Order, this tariff amendment is to become effective April 1, 2017. Pursuant to Ordering Clause 3 of the Order, the requirement for newspaper publication is waived.

Any questions regarding this filing can be directed to Cheryl Ruggiero at (212) 460-3189.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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